

The first moment of an *abider in the result of stream-enterer who is a Simultaneous-Eliminator* refers to a Simultaneous-Eliminator who abides on the path of release of the path of seeing that attains the cessation of the three fetters. The last moment of an *abider in the result of stream-enterer who is a Simultaneous-Eliminator* refers to a Simultaneous-Eliminator who abides on the last uninterrupted path of the path of meditation, i.e. the *Vajra-like Stabilization* that irrevocably eliminates the ninth type of mundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm and of the other seven levels of the Form and Formless Realms. Thus, a Simultaneous-Eliminator remains a stream-enterer for as long as he does not attain the irrevocable cessation of the subtlest innate afflictive obstructions and thus becomes a foe-destroyer.

Furthermore, *abiders in the result of stream-enterer who are Simultaneous-Eliminators* do not cultivate any of the eight meditative absorptions nor any of the mundane uninterrupted paths of the preparatory stage of the first concentration. But they generate a union of calm-abiding and special insight that pertains to the preparatory stage of the first concentration. Such a union of calm-abiding and special insight serves as the mental basis of supramundane uninterrupted paths and supramundane paths of release (i.e. meditative equipoise paths) in the continua of Simultaneous-Eliminators (since awarenesses that pertain to the Desire Realm cannot serve as the mental basis of those paths). Therefore, meditative equipoise paths in the continua of Simultaneous-Eliminators pertain to the preparatory stage of the first concentration because they are awarenesses which are a union of calm-abiding and special insight.

A union of calm-abiding and special insight of the first concentration's preparatory stage that serves as the mental basis of supramundane uninterrupted paths and supramundane paths of release is called 'not-unable preparatory stage of the first concentration' (*bsam gtan dang po'i dngos gzhi mi lcogs med*), for it is 'not unable', i.e. *able* to serve as the direct antidote to innate afflictions.

Abiders in the result of stream-enterer who are Simultaneous-Eliminators are again of two types:

- i. Simple abiders in the result of stream-enterer who are Simultaneous-Eliminators
- ii. Special abiders in the result of stream-enterer who are Simultaneous-Eliminators

i. Simple abiders in the result of stream-enterer who are Simultaneous-Eliminators

Simple abiders in the result of stream-enterer who are Simultaneous-Eliminators (*spang bya cig char ba'i rgyun zhugs 'bras gnas tsam po ba*) are Simultaneous-Eliminator stream-enterers who do not abide on an uninterrupted path that mainly strives to attain the next result of foe-destroyer.

Here an uninterrupted path that mainly strives to attain the result of foe-destroyer in the continua of Simultaneous-Eliminators stream-enterers refers to any of the nine (small-small, medium-small, etc.) supramundane uninterrupted paths of the path of meditation.

Examples of simple abiders in the result of stream-enterer who are Simultaneous-Eliminators are Simultaneous-Eliminators who abide on the first supramundane path of release of the path of meditation that attains the irrevocable cessation of the first type of both mundane and supramundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm (and all other realms). Other examples are Simultaneous-Eliminators who abide on the sixth supramundane path of release of the path of meditation that attains the irrevocable cessation of the sixth type of both mundane and supramundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm (and all other realms). Such paths of release do not mainly strive to attain the result of foe-destroyer, for they merely rest in the state of attainment of the irrevocable *cessation* of their respective mundane and supramundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm.

iii. Special abiders in the result of stream-enterer who are Simultaneous-Eliminators

Special abiders in the result of stream-enterer who are Simultaneous-Eliminators (*spang bya cig char ba'i rgyun zhugs 'bras gnas khyad par cen*) are Simultaneous-Eliminator stream-enterers who abide on an uninterrupted path that mainly strives to attain the next result of foe-destroyer.

Examples of special abiders in the result of stream-enterer who are Simultaneous-Eliminators are Simultaneous-Eliminators who abide on the first supramundane uninterrupted path of the path of meditation that irrevocably eliminates the first type of both mundane and supramundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm. Other examples are Simultaneous-Eliminators who abide on the ninth

supramundane uninterrupted path of the path of meditation, i.e. the *Vajra-like Stabilization* that attains the irrevocable cessation of the ninth type of both mundane and supramundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm.

Please note that Simultaneous-Eliminator stream-enterers who abide on any of the nine supramundane uninterrupted paths of the path of meditation are also *approachers to the result of foe-destroyer who are Simultaneous-Eliminators* (which are explained below). In fact, *special abiders in the result of stream-enterer who are Simultaneous-Eliminators* and *approachers to the result of foe-destroyer who are Simultaneous-Eliminators* are equivalent. (For the different categories of abiders in the result of stream-enterer see chart 9)

APPROACHERS TO THE RESULT OF ONCE-RETURNER

Approachers to the result of once-returned are Hinayana Aryas who did not eliminate the ninth type of mundane innate afflictions prior to reaching the path of seeing and who abide on the interrupted path that strives to attain the result of once-returned.

Approachers to the result of once-returned can be classified into two:

1. Approachers to the result of once-returned who are Gradual-Attainers
2. Approachers to the result of once-returned who are Leapers

1) Approachers to the result of once-returned who are Gradual-Attainers

Approachers to the result of once-returned who are Gradual-Attainers (*'bras bu rim gyis pa'i phyir 'ong zhugs pa*) are Hinayana Aryas who did not eliminate the sixth type of mundane innate afflictions prior to reaching the path of seeing and who as approachers to the result of stream-enterer eliminated the three fetters (intellectually acquired afflictive obstructions). When they attained the path of release of the path of seeing and thus the cessation of the three fetters they became stream-enterers. Now they are special stream-enterers who abide on an uninterrupted path that mainly strives to attain the result of once-returned. which temporarily or irrevocably eliminates any of the first six types of mundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm. In other words, they abide either on (1) a mundane uninterrupted path (of the preparatory stage of the first concentration) which temporarily eliminates any of the first six types of mundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm, or on (2) one of the first five supramundane uninterrupted paths of the path of meditation which irrevocably eliminate any of the first five types of mundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm (as well as of the Form and Formless Realms). Either way, since they are Gradual-Attainers they do not eliminate mundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm and their supramundane counterparts simultaneously.

As mentioned above, *approachers to the result of once-returned who are Gradual-Attainers* and *special abiders in the result of stream-enterers who are Gradual-Attainers* are equivalent. Therefore, Gradual-Attainers who abide, for instance, on the second supramundane uninterrupted path of the path of meditation that irrevocably eliminates the third type of mundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm and the second type of supramundane innate afflictions of the Desire, Form, and Formless Realms are both *approachers to the result of once-returned* and *special abiders in the result of stream-enterer*. They are both because they abide on an uninterrupted path which mainly strives to attain the result of once-returned.

Please note that Gradual-Attainers who abide on the second supramundane uninterrupted path of the path of meditation that irrevocably eliminates the third type of mundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm (and the second type of supramundane innate afflictions of the Desire, Form, and Formless Realms), are *approachers to the result of once-returned* only for as long as they abide on that second uninterrupted path. The moment they attain the second supramundane *path of release* of the path of meditation that achieves the irrevocable elimination of the third type of mundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm (and the second type of supramundane innate afflictions of the Desire, Form, and Formless Realms), they cease to be *approachers to the result of once-returned* (as well as *special abiders in the result of stream-enterer*). Instead, they become *simple abiders in the result of stream-enterer*.

